Concord April 9th /60

Dear Mrs Chapman

I thank you for your congratulatory note & I sent it right up to the Sanborns How do you think I feel? In raptures I would be glad to be were it not that I am fearing, constantly, something else will be upon us that will not be met in the same determined manner You never saw a more resolute set of people One word from one they considered wise, and those wretches would have been torn to pieces in a moment One of the officers told the Deputy Sheriff that he had been in all kinds of mobs and in all kinds of danger, but he never felt in such fear before— Those manacled hands which he was obliged to hold up over the heads of the crowd on account of the pains caused by

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the handcuffs being too tight,
aroused the crowd to great in-
-dignation. All the part I had
in the affair was to run down
street, in the first of it, crying
Murder, murder, help, help & his
scholars, girls, run down the
street, ringing at houses, telling
the people Sanborn was being
carried off by United States
Officers - Mr S - owed his
deliverance mainly to his sister
and Mr Bigelow - Mr B -
is a sturdy black-smith and
he fought with the officers until
the crowd assembled - Sanborn
is a perfect John Brown man I
fear he will be killed - I can't
think our people will resist a
regularly constituted officer - O
if such a blow could be struck
here, that would thrust back the
terrible usurpation which is fastening
itself upon us, I should die content

we need Yankee wit and
more than Yankee wisdom
in this home - Sandborn walks
the streets and keeps the school
the same as ever, dont mean
to hide, dont mean to go off -
You dont know how anxious we
feel - Do you think Massachusetts
is ready to rebel; as she ought to
do, now? I cant think so.
You will find the truest and
fullest statement of our rebellion
in the New York Herald, though
it is slyly Anonymous - The last
words the Martyr Hosmer said
were, that if they carried Sandborn
off, he should be carried over
his dead body - Is it not singu-
-lar that Hosmer is the name of
one of those who fell in the first resistance
to aggression in '75 Tuesday

Our community
has been thrown into great agitation
this morning by the appearance of

a person in the United States Service making his appearance among us. He went up to San=born's a crowd gathered around I came out and asked him if his visit had any relations to him, he said no. It is surmised that he came as topographical engineer, to find fitting places to locate troops He said he came from Lowell, was going back in the noon stage, instead of this he went to the cars and asked for a ticket through to Baltimore — we are naturally very suspicious about this time we think he came for no good purpose. Non resistance principles are hard to abide by in this trial hour — If any thing new occurs I will apprise you of it as early as possible —

Yours affecty

MMBrooke

I understand Sanborns boys were Cadets as he whether they were in school to day before he came here & made his appearance

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